REMARKS

The office action mailed June 3, 2009, requests a particular species of alpha v-integrin

antagonist to be elected. Moreover, the office action requests an election of a specific treatment

method. In response to these requirements, Applicants elect treatment of secondary biliary liver

fibrosis, and elect 3-{3Benzyloxy-2-[5-(pyridine-2-ylamino)-pentanoylamino]-propanoylamino}-

3-(3, 5-dichloro-phenyl)-propionic acid.

In light of the foregoing elections, the claims have been amended, and new claim 10, the

only existing claim, is directed to the elected species.

A prompt action on the merits is accordingly respectfully requested. Should the

Examiner have any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned

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at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response

or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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